

RENEWED NOTICE CONCERNING REVISION OF
CIVIL LOCAL RULE 77-3

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California Court has approved a revision of Civil Local Rule 77-3, subject to public comment. The revision would add the underlined language below.

77-3. Photography and Public Broadcasting.

Unless allowed by a Judge or a Magistrate Judge with respect to his or her own chambers or assigned courtroom for ceremonial purposes or for participation in a pilot or other project authorized by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, the taking of photographs, public broadcasting or televising, or recording for those purposes in the courtroom or its environs, in connection with any judicial proceeding, is prohibited. Electronic transmittal of courtroom proceedings and presentation of evidence within the confines of the courthouse is permitted, if authorized by the Judge or Magistrate Judge. The term “environs,” as used in this rule, means all floors on which chambers, courtrooms or on which Offices of the Clerk are located, with the exception of any space specifically designated as a Press Room. Nothing in this rule is intended to restrict the use of electronic means to receive or present evidence during Court proceedings.

The comment period will run from February 4, 2010 to March 4, 2010. If you submitted a comment during the previous comment period, you need not resubmit it. The court is interested in comments that pertain to the revised rule and NOT to its application to a particular case. All comments and suggestions regarding the content of the revised rule should be sent in writing, no later than March 4, 2010 to:

Hon. Phyllis Hamilton
Chair of the Rules Committee
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